

Gas Well Permitting Process

Any Operator wishing to drill in the City of Mansfield must go through a two-step process. The first is approval of Specific Use Permit (SUP) zoning for each drill site. The second is approval of a gas well permit. The processes can run concurrent; however the SUP must be approved prior to issuance of a gas well permit.

SUP Process for gas well drilling and production

Review and approval of SUP zoning is typically a 90-day process once the SUP application is submitted. The SUP request determines the size of the drill site and number of wells allowed to be drilled.

The Planning and Zoning Commission conducts a public hearing on the request and makes a recommendation to the City Council regarding the approval or denial of the request. The City Council holds two public hearings on the request, and has the final approval authority on the SUP. If the SUP is approved, the drilling authorization for that site is subject to a five (5) year limit. The applicant may request an extension of time in accordance with city regulations.

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Once the SUP is approved, the operator must submit a gas well permit application to conduct drilling activities on the site. The gas well process typically takes 30-45 days once the application is submitted. Gas well permits issued in conformance with the approved SUP do not require additional City Council review.

A Gas Well Permit expires 365 days from the date of issuance if no drilling occurs.